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landed on a small separate wharf without anyone but the handlers being exposed. I also inclose a copy of the work done by the board of health of Ponce. The general health of the city and vicinity remain about the same.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Work done by board of health for three weeks ended February 17, 1900.

Houses and yards inspected.....	1, 215
Houses and yards denounced.....	95
Milk inspections.....	1, 847
Milk inspections (special).....	2
Food condemned and destroyed (kilos).....	157
Chemical analysis of food or drink.....	1
Vaccinations.....	656
Inspections of schools.....	2
Inspections of cemeteries.....	9
Inspections of slaughterhouses.....	3
Privies cleaned.....	35
Cesspools cleaned.....	22
Houses disinfected.....	5
Animals buried or burned.....	7
Animals buried or burned (glandered horses).....	8
Pigs collected from yards.....	18

Of the 1,847 inspections of milk only 5 were found adulterated. Fines imposed in the three weeks amount to \$200.40.

Employees.—Chief of inspectors, 1; inspectors, 7; vaccinator, 1; inspector of meat at the slaughterhouse, 1; peons, 20; also 6 wagons and 16 mules.

H. E. EAMES,
First Lieutenant, Eleventh Infantry.

PORTUGAL.

End of plague in Oporto—Sanitary restrictions removed.

LISBON, *February 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose a translation of a royal decree suspending the sanitary restrictions enforced during the plague in Portugal, it having now died out.

Respectfully,

JOHN N. IRWIN.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure in No. 9.—Royal degree.—Translation.—General board of health.]

ROYAL PALACE, *February 6, 1900.*

In view of the present sanitary state of Oporto and of the opinion of official experts who now consider the restrictions upon passengers and goods from that district unnecessary, and in conformity with the decision of the supreme board of public health and hygiene, I am pleased to decree the following:

The provisions of the decrees of August 17 and August 23, and of September 13 last, are hereby suspended, as well as any others now applied to passengers and goods from Oporto, so long as the sanitary state of the said city shall not render the renewal of any such measures desirable.

The president of the council, the minister of the interior, and the secretaries of other departments shall so understand and enforce it.

Signed by the King.